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TITLE: ELECTRODE PROTECTION DEVICE, SPOT-WELDING TOOL AND  
RESISTANCE WELDING METHOD

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated January 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 6 of this paper.